



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

Wednesday Wonders Summer Series 2023-2024

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Summer Series to be sailed from October 2023 to March 2024.

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS) and SYC Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2. All persons on board shall be either a member of SYC or comply with SYC's day membership requirements through the Sail Pass scheme.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 6 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
- 2.2. a) A Man Overboard compliance declaration (including the strongly recommended use of a water rescue training dummy for MOB recovery which has been carried out after 1 September 2023), must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to 31 October 2023 or a boat's first race of the season, whichever is later.

b) The SR Equipment Audit form signed by the person in charge must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to a boat's first race of the season. This form is valid for 12 months from the date of submission or date of completed Audit, whichever is later.

These forms are available on the SYC website at <https://syc.com.au/safety/> or from the SYC Boating Office.

- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter via <https://syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/online-entry/>. Casual entries will be accepted up to 1200 on the race day.
- 2.4. For a boat to be eligible for the Century Class division, the age of the skipper and the age of the yacht must add up to at least 100 years as of the date of the race.
- 2.5. For a boat to be scored in the Female Helm division, the boat must advise the Boating Office the name of the person helming the boat prior to the race Warning Signal. It is not necessary for the same female to helm every race.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is waived for all SYC members.
- 3.2. The entry fees for non-SYC members are:
Series Entry: \$100.00
Casual Entry: \$15.00
- 3.3. There will be no refund of casual entry payments for boats that subsequently apply for series entry, nor any reduction in the series entry fee.

4. RACE FORMAT

- 4.1. All races in the Series will be pursuit start "no extras" as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2. Races will be tower start, club courses.

5. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	4 October	2	11 October [#]	3	18 October
4	25 October ^{**}	5	1 November	6	8 November [#]
7	15 November	8	22 November	9	29 November ^{**}
10	6 December	11	13 December [#]	12	20 December
13	27 December ^{**}	14	3 January 2024	15	10 January [#]
16	17 January	17	24 January	18	31 January ^{**}
19	7 February	20	14 February [#]	21	21 February
22	28 February ^{**}	23	6 March	24	13 March [#]
25	20 March	26	27 March ^{**}		

^{**}Denotes a Century Class race.

[#]Denotes Female Helm

- 5.1. The Warning Signal for each race will be made no earlier than 1325.
- 5.2. The number of races scheduled is 26 of which 5 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.3. The number of Century Class and of Female Helm races scheduled is 6 of which 2 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4. A Century Class race will be held on the last Wednesday Wonders race of each month. If a scheduled Century Class race is abandoned, then the next race will be scored. If the last race of the season is abandoned, this race will not be scored.
- 5.5. A Female Helm race will be held on the second Wednesday Wonders race of each month.
- 5.6. There will be no re-sails on subsequent days.

6. HANDICAPS

- 6.1. Handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race.
- 6.2. Handicap listings will be available at the Ken King Centre before each race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Boating Office and the SYC website. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.

8. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip off Sandringham Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. For the Wednesday Wonders Series each boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 50% of races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 10.3. For the Century Class and Female Helm divisions, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4. Boats that have sailed as casual entries that subsequently convert to a series entry will not be scored in the series for races sailed prior to submission and payment of series entry fee.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third in each race. A prize will also be awarded to the highest placed Century Class boat and Female Helm boat on allocated race days. These will be presented in the Clubhouse after each race.
- 11.2. An additional prize for start of the day will be presented to the boat calculated as starting closest to its allocated start time.
- 11.3. The winners of the overall series, the Century Class division and Female Helm division will be awarded a memento trophy.
- 11.4. The following perpetual trophies will also be awarded:
 - 11.4.1. MISTY BLUE TROPHY: to the boat having the lowest averaged time closest to her allocated start for the number of races scored in the series. A boat that has not started in the required number of the races will be given a start time of 1 minute for the races not started.
 - 11.4.2. SHEBESSA SHIELD: to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Winter and Summer series. Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8, with the Summer Series taken as the second race of the Series.
 - 11.4.3. NOELLE CORAM TROPHY: to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series and Sunday Sailors Summer Series. Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8, with the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series taken as the second race of the Series.
 - 11.4.4. CENTURY CLASS TROPHY: to an eligible boat in the Century Class division with the lowest series score in the Wednesday Wonders Summer Series Century Class.
 - 11.4.5. JAFFA TROPHY: to the boat winning the Wednesday race closest to St Patrick's Day, being the race held on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

12. DISCLAIMER

- 12.1. All those taking part in races conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of boats whose entries are accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 12.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: **The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**
- 12.3. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by the Club.

13. INSURANCE

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000).

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office:

Telephone: (03) 9599 0999 Email: boating@syc.com.au Website: www.syc.com.au